Strike by Bank Employees in protest against Narasimhan Committee Report

141. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of nationalised Banks went on a strike on Friday on March 27, 1992 in protest against certain recommendations of the Narasimhan Committee;

(b) if so, what are the precise demands of the Bank employees in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Bank employees owing allegiance to National Confederation of Bank Employees (NCBE) went on a day's strike on 27th March, 1992 to protest against the implementation of recommendations of the Narasimham Committee Report on Financial System, and to press for rejection of its alleged harmful recommendations. In the meanwhile, two rounds of meetings have been held by the Finance Minister with the representatives of the banking industry level trade unions/associations and the position taken by the Government has been explained.

Less D.A. to Central Government Employees and Pensioners in comparison to State Government

142. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of DA with relation to pay and that of dearness relief in relation to the quantum of pension, payable to Central Government employees are comparatively much lons than that payable to corresponding employees or pensioners of different State Government;

(b) if so, what are the highest rates of D.A. or dearness relief payable to employees or pensioners of any State Government and how the same compare with those payable to Central Government employees or pensioners, category-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for such disparities and the details of rationalisation, if any contemplated to bring Central Government employees at par with those of State Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) The Central Government has its own scheme of grant of Dearness Allowance to serving employees and Dearness Relief to Pensioners, which is based on the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission. This scheme is independent of the schemes adopted by different State Governments for grant of DA and Dearness Relief to their employees and Pensioners. There is no mechanism for maintaining comparative rates of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government employees/Pensioners vfiz-(a-viz employees/Pensioners of various State Governments.

Activities of Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust

143. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2710 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust has since submitted the